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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS AND MINING

Dear Interested Party:

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Gary Brown  
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Canyon Fuel Company, LLC has submitted a Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) Permit Amendment to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) which proposes to construct an earthen pad (0.14 acres) and access road (100 feet) to reopen the western most portal of the abandoned Link Canyon Mine (see attached map). This proposal is needed to provide:

- Fresh air ventilation for safe mining operations
- Emergency escapeway for underground mining personnel
- Rapid response to the Link Canyon power substation in the event of power outages
- A power line for mining operations

Currently, this is the only portal site available in the area due to potentially unsafe conditions relating to burned and potentially hot zones near outcroppings of the Hiawatha Coal Seam. The site is situated in south facing rocky exposures of Late Cretaceous, lower Blackhawk Formation and Starpoint Sandstone.

The old Link Canyon Mine was sealed in about 1960. A small area (approximately 2000 square feet) of riparian vegetation has developed over the years as a result of mine water seeping from the portal seals. Seepage rates are estimated at about 1.0 to 2.0 gallons per minute.

The location of the proposed site is described as: T. 21 S. R. 5 E., Section 26, W1/2, NW1/4, SW1/4, SLM. The site is situated in Sevier County about 6.5 miles north west of the town of Emery and 30 miles east of Salina, Utah. The proposed road and pad is off forest road #044.

The Forest Service must decide whether or not to consent to construction and if so what stipulations are needed for the protection of non-coal resources.

The proposed disturbed area for the Link Canyon portal facility is located within the present approved permit area. Sediment control, reclamation, and revegetation standards would be done the same way as for other breakouts approved in the MRP. The site would be reclaimed when no longer needed for mining (estimated at 8 years).




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If you have any comments or concerns regarding this proposal, please forward them to Tom Lloyd, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Ferron-Price Ranger District, 115 West Canyon Road, P.O. Box 310, Ferron, Utah, 84523, or call 435-384-2372, by July 12, 2002. If you do not wish to comment at this time but would like to remain on the mailing list for this project, please notify Tom Lloyd.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

Sincerely,



ELAINE J. ZIEROTH  
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure


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LINK CANYON SUBSTATION

PROPOSED POWERLINE

PROPOSED LINK CANYON PORTAL PAD

LINK CANYON MINE

